



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

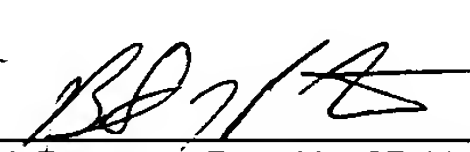
Appl. No. : 10/081,049 Confirmation No. 2424  
Applicant : Adolf Baumann  
Filed : 02/02/2002  
TC/A.U. : 2817  
Examiner : Kinkead, Arnold M  
Docket No. : TI-20863  
Customer No. : 23494

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

MAILING CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(A)  
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited  
with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage  
as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:  
Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA  
22313-1450.

  
Bret J. Petersen, Reg. No. 37,417

2-5-04  
Date

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant is submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This Information Disclosure statement is being submitted:

\_\_\_ within three months of the filing date

\_\_\_ within three months of the date of entry of the national phase

\_\_\_ before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits

X after the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance and is

accompanied by

X the fee of \$180.<sup>00</sup> set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) or

X the following certification specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e)

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior (considering the effect of the weekend) to the filing of this statement.

☒ Each of the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 is in the English language.

☐ To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a) (3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by

☐ an English language version or translation of the foreign patent office report citing the documents.

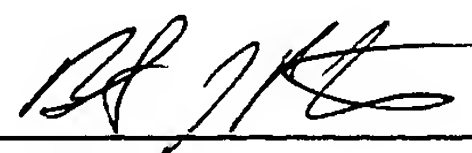
☐ the following remarks.

☐ the discussion of these documents in the specification.

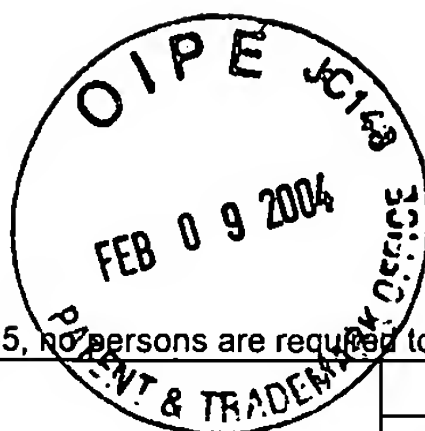
It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, includes extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated, and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Texas Instruments Incorporated

By   
Bret J. Petersen  
Reg. No. 37,417  
(972) 917-5339

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box ^  
0031



PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-

Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (use as many sheets as necessary)				<b>Complete If Known</b>	
				Application Number	10/081,049
				Filing Date	02/02/2002
				First Named Inventor	Adolf Baumann
				Group Art Unit	2817
				Examiner Name	Kinkead, Arnold M
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket No.	TI-20863

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Exam. Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Doc.	Date of Pub. of Cited Doc. (mm-dd-yyyy)	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
	AA	5,621,396		Thomas J Flaxl	04/15/1997	
	AB					
	AC					
	AD					
	AE					
	AF					
	AG					
	AH					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Exam. Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Doc.	Date of Pub. of Cited Doc. (mm-dd-yyyy)	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)				
	BA	EP	0 386 718 A2		Herbert Meier	09/12/1990		
	BB							
	BC							
	BD							
	BE							
	BF							
	BG							
	BH							

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Exam. Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>
	CA		
	CB		
	CC		
	CD		
	CE		
	CF		
	CG		
	CH		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

**US and Foreign Patent Documents:** <sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Other Prior Art/Non-Patent Literature Documents:** <sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231